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Dr. Walter Simons, German Foreign Minister, was instructed to exhaust every possibility in order to come to an understanding at London. The Reichstag was informed this afternoon. Persons who formulated Germany's position declared it was one in which she was ready to redeem the signature of her delegate to the utmost of her capacity, but refused permission to him to sign impossible demands.

In this connection Chancellor Konstantin Fehrenbach reminded the Reichstag that the Paris agreement had already been rejected. Political observers, however, discover a difference between the present formula of not signing and the one of refusing to discuss the Paris terms.

It is admitted here that the fate of the present Coalition rests with the Allies.

The German political situation probably will not crystallize before Monday. The resignation of the Cabinet headed by Chancellor Konstantin Fehrenbach is regarded as inevitable, the chief question being not whether its strength can be restored but what political combination will replace it. Without news of exactly what is going on behind the scenes in London in connection with the reparations conference political observers here are not willing to predict what course will be followed. They feel that the decision rests with the Entente Allies. If the Paris sanctions are enforced immediately a Nationalist Government in Germany is predicted on the fall of the present Coalition, thus permitting the Conservatives-German People's party to try their hand.

The probability of a coup d'etat is difficult to estimate. The warning in Hugo Stinnes's newspaper, the *Alte meine Zeitung*, last week, it now develops, was inspired in part by the hope of frightening the Prussian Diet into extending its new coalition by the inclusion of the German People's party. But where there was so much smoke there must have been some fire, and an official Prussian statement has now appeared to the effect that no one dares let himself doubt the actuality of the peril.

But if the Allies delay enforcing the sanctions, it is held that it would be impossible to find a German Government immediately which would negotiate on the basis of the Paris agreement. It is felt here that the Allies must be aware of the danger and may have decided already to extend the time of the ultimatum as soon as it is settled that the Fehrenbach Ministry will fall. But even if the ultimatum is enforced and a Nationalist regime be established, it is held that the Allies still could not count on finding a German Government that would negotiate even were the Nationalists overthrown.

Inferences continue to be made secretly that sinister influences are working in an effort to force a break with the Entente and bring on a new situation in Europe. These are usually linked with the activities of Hugo Stinnes in politics.

The present Cabinet has burned all its bridges behind it, according to sentiment here, first by its pledges in the Reichstag not to negotiate with the Entente on the basis of the Paris reparations agreement between the Allies, and, secondly, by the speeches by Dr. Walter Simons, Foreign Minister and head of the German reparations delegation now in London, during his tour of Germany recently. A storm of private criticism is now being raised against Dr. Simons, particularly among Government experts, who assert that they had no chance to pass on the German proposals presented in London.

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